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SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE - MEETING ON DRAFT DECLARATION.

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1. FRIENDS OF RAPPOREUR MET LAST NIGHT TO DISCUSS DRAFT SUBMITTED BY RAPPOREUR FOR STUDY, CONSISTNG OF PARAGRAPHS FROM PERUVIAN DECLARATION AND FROM SECRETARIAT DOCUMENT WHICH EMERGED FROM THIRD DECLARATION AND FROM SECRETARIAT DOCUMENT WHIC EMERGED FROM THIRD PREPCOM. NUMEROUS AMENDMENTS OFFERED. EXCEPT FOR GROUP B COUNTRIES (US, UK AND SWITZERLAND) ALL SPEAKERS EXCEPT BRAZIL SUPPORTED PERUVIAN DECLARATION AND EVEN WENT BEYOND PERUVIAN DECLARATION WITH RADICAL AMENDMENTS TO PREAMBLE AND OPERATIVE

PARAGRAPHS INCLUDING THOSE ON TRADE, PRODUCTION AND AID, ALL OF WHICH UNACCEPTABLE TO GROUP B. PERUVIN DELEGATE, SACO, REMAINS INTRANSIGENT AND WILL NOT COMPROMISE WITH GROUP B INTERESTS ON ANY POINT IN HIS DOCUMENT, EVEN THE TITLE. GROUP B RECEIVING NO HELP FROM ANY LDC'S. THOSE SPEAKING SUPPORTING PERU. OTHERS ABSENT OR  
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SILENT.

2. IN ATTENDANCE AT LAST NIGHT'S MEETING WERE CUBA, YUGOSLAVIA, PRC, HUNGARY, EAST GERMANY, SWITZERLAND, US, UK, ALGERIA SUBSTITUTING FOR DAHOMEY AND BRAZIL REPORTEDLY SUBSTITUTING FOR MEXICO, WHICH NOT PRESENT. BRAZIL CLAIMED NOVEMBER 11 NIGHT MEETING OF G-77 HAD DESIGNATED CUBA, VENEZUELA, BRAZIL AND MEXICO AS THEIR FRIENDS OF RAPporteur FOR DECLARATION DRAFTING. THIS APPEARS TO BE TACTIC TO PERMIT BRAZIL'S PARTICIPATION. BRAZIL'S APPEARANCE LATE IN MEETING THUS ADDED FIFTH MEMBER TO LATIN AMERICAN GROUP (COUNTING PERU) WHICH ENLARGES G-77 MEMBERSHIP BEYOND THAT INITIALLY AGREED UPON IN COMMITTEE I. NO OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRY HAS WITHDRAWN. SOVIETS AGAIN DID NOT ATTEND. THEY HAVE BEEN ABSENT AT 2ND AND 3RD MEETINGS INDICATING AN APPARENT LOSS OF INTEREST IN DECLARATION.

3. TACTICS OF PERU SEEM TO BE TO SWITCH PARTICIPATION AMONG THE GROUP OF 77 SELECTING MORE MILITANT MEMBERS OF THAT GROUP AND STACKING CARDS AGAINST GROUP B.

4. THESE PROBLEMS POINTED OUT IN GROUP B MEETING THIS MORNING WHERE IT WAS DECIDED THAT GROUP B COUNTRIES SHOULD DISCUSS PROBLEMS OF DECLARATION DRAFTING WITH FRIENDS IN GROUP 77 ALSO, CHAIRMAN OF GROUP B WILL DISCUSS QUESTION COMMITTEE COMPOSITION WITH RAPporteur OF DRAFTING COMMITTEE FOR DECLARATION. IF THIS DOES NOT WORK NEXT MOVE WILL BE FOR GROUP B TO ASK THAT WORK ON DRAFTING OF DECLARATION BE DONE IN COMMITTEE I, WHERE REPRESENTATION WILL BE BROADER.

5. WE WILL PROCEED THIS MORNING WITH DEBATE ON PREAMBLE OF THE DECLARATION. VOLPE

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